

GALLUP POLL REPORTS GROWING PARTISANSHIP ON CUBA

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Comparing its current figures with those reported in February, the Gallup Poll concludes that "growing partisan overtones mark the American public's attitude toward the Kennedy administration's handling of Cuba."

Republicans now register majority dissatisfaction (52%); and during this month dissatisfaction among Independents has increased from 29% to 39%. Among Democrats, the shift is only from 16% to 19%. Dr. Gallup comments that "most Democrats are holding firm behind the President, frequently using the argument that a shooting war is the only alternative to what is being done currently."

The following question was asked in both surveys:

"In general, would you say that you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the Kennedy administration has been handling the Cuba situation in recent weeks?"

| | <u>National</u> | | <u>Repubs.</u> | | <u>Democrats</u> | | <u>Independ.</u> | |
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| Satisfied | 56% | 52% | 36% | 33% | 69% | 67% | 55% | 43% |
| Dissatisfied | 28 | 33 | 48 | 52 | 16 | 19 | 29 | 39 |
| No opinion | 16 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 16 | 18 |
| | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Differences among the 4 geographical regions of the country are less marked, but nevertheless of some interest. Today the Midwest evinces greatest satisfaction (57%); the South least (45%).

| | <u>EAST</u> | | <u>SOUTH</u> | | <u>MIDWEST</u> | | <u>FAR WEST</u> | |
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| Satisfied | 59% | 54% | 52% | 45% | 57% | 57% | 53% | 49% |
| Dissatisfied | 27 | 32 | 28 | 37 | 26 | 23 | 28 | 37 |
| No opinion | 14 | 14 | 20 | 18 | 17 | 15 | 19 | 14 |
| | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |